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SUBJECT: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS

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1. NASA AGREES WITH EMBASSY'S DECISION (REFTEL) AWAIT FURTHER GOMR INITIATIVE. CONSIDER RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD STATION AGREEMENT RENEWAL BEST APPROACH. EMBASSY MAY WISH TRY TACTIC OF SWITCHING EMPHASIS TO NEED FOR GOMR DESIGNATION OF COOPERATING AGENCY. REASONS: (1) NASA CONSIDERS SUCCESS OF MALAGAZATION OF STATION REQUIRES JOINT SELECTION KEY MANAGEMENT TRAINEES, (2) THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOR MALAGAZATION CAN NO LONGER BE MET UNLESS SUCH JOINT SELECTION PROCEEDS BY OCTOBER 74; DELAYS WILL BE REFLECTED COMMENSURATELY, (3) GOMR SHOULD KNOW THESE FACTS NOW SO LATER RECRIMINATIONS FORESTALLED, (4) GOMR DESIGNATION OF COOPERATING AGENCY WOULD IMPLY CONTINUED ACCEPTANCE OF STATION EVEN ABSENT AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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